

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Nutter for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 5 of the present application. It is believed that upon entry of the present amendment that all claims will now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4 and 6-14 are active in this application, claim 5 having been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 (thus becoming claim 5 rewritten in independent form). This amendment requires no further consideration and/or search and its entry after final is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5, thus placing claim 1 into condition for allowance. Since all other claims properly depend from claim 1 (either directly or ultimately), the remaining dependent claims are also believed to be allowable upon entry of the present amendment.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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